

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for ~~allowing~~ producing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out, ~~wherein water is added~~ comprising adding water to a solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride and a polar organic solvent which contains ~~no water or~~ at most 60% by weight of water, to adjust the water content of said solution or suspension to at least 70% by weight ~~when~~ whereby crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate are ~~allowed~~ caused to separate out in ~~[[a]]~~ said water-containing polar organic solvent.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method for ~~allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2 hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of a solid or oily paroxetine hydrochloride is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method for ~~allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of 2-propanol solvate of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate obtained by crystallization from 2-propanol is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein water is added to a solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride and a polar organic solvent containing 15 to 55% by weight of water.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2 hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein water is added to a solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride and a polar organic solvent containing 20 to 50% by weight of water.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2 hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein water is added to the solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride at a temperature of 40° to 60°C.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2 hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein water is added to the solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride, and then the resulting solution or suspension is cooled to a temperature of 0° to 10°C.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2 hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein the polar organic solvent is a lower alcohol having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or a ketone.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2 hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 11, wherein the lower alcohol is 2-propanol.

13. (**Currently Amended**) The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 1, wherein hydrogen chloride is present in the solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride.

14. (**Currently Amended**) A method for ~~allowing~~ producing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate ~~to separate out, wherein hydrogen chloride is present when~~ wherein crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate are allowed to separate out from a solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride in which water or a water-containing polar organic solvent is used as a solvent in the presence of hydrogen chloride, with the proviso that ~~exception of the case where~~ concentrated hydrochloric acid is not added to an aqueous solution of paroxetine acetate.

15. (**Currently Amended**) The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 14, wherein the pH of the solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride is at most 2.

16. (**Currently Amended**) The method ~~for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 14, wherein a solution or suspension of a solid or oily paroxetine hydrochloride is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The method for ~~allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 14, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The method for ~~allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 14, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The method for ~~allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 18, wherein the crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate are crystals of 2-propanol solvate of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate obtained by crystallization in 2-propanol.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The method for ~~allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out~~ according to claim 14, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate is initially prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate being not colored in pink, comprising dissolving crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate being colored in pink in a solvent, and allowing the crystals to separate out, wherein the crystals are ~~purified~~ recovered from said solvent in the presence of hydrogen chloride in an amount at least equimolar with the paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate.